EDUCATION SECRETARIAT

Birth Dates—Entries in the Admission Registers of the Educational Institutions.

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Government Circular No. ED 5 SDB 58, dated the 28th March 1959.

2. Letter No. C/5/1139, dated 26th June 1959, from the Chairman, District School Board, North Kanara.

3. Letter No. H4. 86671—569/58–59, dated 1st July 1959, from the Director of Public Instruction in Mysore, Bangalore.

4. Letter No. P5. 1397—70/59–60, dated 4th July 1959, from the Director of Public Instruction in Mysore, Bangalore.

ORDER No. ED 11 SDB 59, DATED BANGALORE, THE 13TH AUGUST 1959 (SHRAVANA 22, SAKA ERA 1881).

The Chairman, District School Board, North Kanara has reported that it is found by experience that in almost all cases of admission, horoscopes are not maintained and thus the same cannot be produced before Head Masters. Similarly copies of birth extracts are not easily available in the villages since the pertinent records are sent to the Taluk Offices after three years and it is difficult for the parents residing in villages to get copies of birth extracts from Taluk Offices.

2. The Director of Public Instruction has stated that usually the name of the child will not be found in the birth extracts produced for effecting the change in the date of birth as the Registration is made within a day or two after the birth of the child and therefore requested for clarification whether birth register extracts could be used as supporting evidence and not conclusive evidence in deciding the case. The Director of Public Instruction in Mysore, Bangalore, has also felt that the procedure prescribed in Government Circular, dated 28th March 1959, referred to above, may cause hardship to certain parents to produce evidence of the date of birth and any strict insistence on the production of correct date of birth based on the requisite documents as pre-condition for admission of a child might cause inconvenience to the parents or guardians in getting the children admitted to primary schools. He has, therefore, requested Government to make certain amendments in the Circular already issued.

3. After considering all aspects of the problem, in partial modification of para 2 of the Government Circular, dated 28th March 1959, Government are pleased to direct that to ensure that the correct date of birth of the pupils is furnished by the parents or guardians at the time of admission to primary schools or other Educational Institutions the Heads of the Primary Schools or other Educational Institutions should insist upon the parents or guardians to furnish the correct date of birth which should be based on one or more of the following documents :—

(1) Original Horoscope.
(2) Date of Birth Extract, or Baptismal Certificate.
(3) Affidavit of age by parents or guardians duly signed before a person who is competent to administer oath.
(4) Mahajar before 5 (five) respectable persons of the locality.

It is, further, directed that no child should be refused admission to Primary Classes just because he is unable to produce any evidence regarding his/her date of birth and the parents or guardians be given time till the beginning of the next academic year to produce the required documents and an entry regarding the document on the basis of which the date of birth is noted, be made in the Admission Register.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

AHMED ABDUL AZIZ,
Under Secretary to Government,
Education Department.